

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the below named inventors, hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SEARCHING AND PROCESSING DATA IN A MASS STORAGE DEVICE**, the specification which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 2005 and designated Serial No. 10/551,208.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the applications on which priority is claimed: International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/003225 filed on March 26, 2004, German Patent Application No. 103 14 376.9 filed March 28, 2003, and German Patent Application No. 103 39 185.1 filed August 26, 2003.

We hereby declare that all statements are made hereby of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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all of the firm of O'Shea, Getz & Kosakowski, P.C., our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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